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Baltimore Immigration Judge Participates in Naturalization Ceremony

BALTIMORE -- Immigration Judge Phillip T. Williams from the Executive Office for Immigration Review, Baltimore Immigration Court, delivered the keynote speech and administered the oath of allegiance to approximately 75 candidates during a naturalization ceremony at the George H. Fallon Federal Building in Baltimore, Md., on April 20, 2012. The Baltimore District Office of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, hosted the ceremony.

Biographical Information

Attorney General Janet Reno appointed Judge Williams in March 1995. Judge Williams received a bachelor of arts degree in 1978 from Temple University, a master of arts degree in 1981 from Howard University, and a juris doctorate in 1986 from Howard University School of Law. From 1997 to 2008 Judge Williams was an assistant chief immigration judge. From 1995 to 1997, he served as an immigration judge in New York. From 1987 to 1995, Judge Williams was an attorney with Maggio & Kattar in Washington, D.C. From 1984 to 1986, he worked as a District of Columbia pre-trial services officer. Judge Williams is a member of the District of Columbia and State of Pennsylvania Bars.

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